



FACT SHEET

NIAS & SIMUELUE ISLANDS EARTHQUAKE

Update – April 13, 2005

Highlights

In response to the March 28 earthquake off the coast of Sumatra, the USG through USAID has provided \$1.1 million to deliver live-saving emergency relief supplies and medical assistance. On March 29, USAID immediately provided \$100,000 to support CARE and Save the Children in their relief activities, including the provision of emergency supplies and transport. In addition, food and other relief supplies already in Indonesia are being transported via ferry to meet emergency needs.



U.S. food assistance arrives in Nias Islands.

The USG through USAID has also provided \$585,000 to International Medical Corps (MC) to rapidly deploy 20 emergency medical staff to Nias and to organize mobile health clinics that provide live-saving health services to affected populations. IMC is also providing medical supplies and support to the Gunung Sitoli hospital.

The U.S. Navy hospital ship USNS Mercy and its supporting fleet, including 4 helicopters arrived off the coast of Nias on April 5, 2005 to provide medical assistance to earthquake-affected populations. The Mercy has 154 medical support personnel aboard; there will be a total of 234 medical staff and crew. This response reflects the continued U.S. commitment to humanitarian assistance, regional cooperation and security in the region.

While in Nias, the USNS Mercy's medical staff will provide aid both aboard and ashore with a wide range of medical specialties, including trauma, surgical support, orthopedics, OB-GYN, pediatrics, primary care, dental treatment, preventive medicine, public health, laboratory and pharmaceutical. Assessments are being made to determine specific needs of the injured in Nias, and how best to employ Mercy's capabilities in support of relief efforts.

With USAID support, AIRSERV began providing additional air support for the emergency response on April 5. The King airplane with six passenger seats, flies twice a day six days a week from Banda Aceh to Nias. An additional helicopter is transporting IMC and Medecins du Monde teams on medical, relief and assessment missions to remote places in affected areas. AIRSERV works closely with the USNS Mercy.

USAID and USDA are working with the World Food Program (WFP) to provide 1,000 tons of food to approximately 150,000 earthquake survivors who have been displaced or cut off from regular access to markets. Commodities include rice, instant noodles, high-energy biscuits, and vegetable oil.



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USAID's Environmental Services Program is providing support to the water utilities on Nias. The project just purchased a larger pump in Gunung Sitoli (submersible 7.5HP, 7 l/s at least) for filling the water trucks and holding tank.

In response to the earthquakes and tsunami, USAID and other U.S. Government agencies have worked closely with the Government of Indonesia to provide relief and other assistance to those affected. To date, USAID has provided more than \$53.3 million in emergency food assistance, relief supplies, shelter, water and sanitation, health, livelihoods and other support for affected communities in Aceh and North Sumatra.

FAST FACTS: U.S. ASSISTANCE

Total USAID Assistance Committed to Date for Indonesia: \$53.3 million*

Total USAID Assistance Committed for March 28th earthquake: \$1.1 million*

(*Not including value of assistance from the U.S. Dept. of Defense)

For more information on the tsunami and USAID's work, please see "Tsunami Response" at www.usaid.gov/id

NIAS & SURROUNDING ISLANDS

Dead:	665
Displaced:	54,830

Source: Government of Indonesia, 4/8/05